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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of Research and Development and the falling educational standards in various Agricultural Universities during the recent years;

(b) whether any assessment has been made by the Expert Committee;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action plan formulated to restructure and reorient Agricultural Educational Institutions and Research and Development to provide strong support to Agricultural Revolution in cooperation with the developed countries during the year 2000-2001?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) No, Sir. Agricultural Education is a State subject and the universities are established by State Governments and primarily funded by the State Governments. Therefore, State Government has the authority and responsibility for research and development of State Agricultural Universities (SAUs).ICAR functions like UGC for Agricultural Universities.Therefore, it is providing Development grants for strengthening agricultural education.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) During the year 2000-2001 following specific action plan have been developed.

Renovation and remodelling of old equipment in SAUs.Modernisation of lecture halls with latest educational technology equipments. Women technological empowerment by constructing 5 additional girls hostels. Global competitiveness attracting foreign students to be trained in India in view of academic strengthening in SAUs.It is proposed to place more than 200 foreign students in SAUs. This will bring much needed foreign exchange. Implementation of UG and PG academic regulations in SAUsDevelopment of instructional material and multi media for computer. Introduction of Rural Awareness Works Experience as an integral competent for Undergraduate teaching programmes in all disciplines of agricultural and allied sciences. Implementation of revised courses curricula at UG and PG level.Examination reforms. A performance link support to universities. Enforcing norms and standards for quality education. Prepare for Distance education and vocational education.